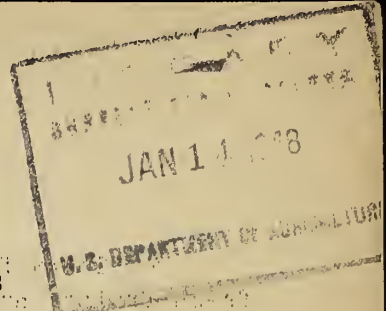


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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of January 1948

Refrigerator carloadings of fresh fruits and vegetables are again heavy after a slowing down during the last week in December principally due to the holiday season, but in some degree also to the severe weather and heavy snows over certain parts of the country. Increased loadings have started from Texas and the South Pacific, and the Association of American Railroads reports that the westbound movement of empty refrigerator cars will have to be kept at a high level in order to protect these shipments.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that the weather during most of December has been generally favorable for winter vegetable crops in Florida and Texas. The quality of all vegetables, except celery and some of the leaf crops, has improved in Florida and the cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli were improved by somewhat cooler weather in Texas. Beginning early in January and continuing through April, the Lower Valley and Winter Garden areas of Texas will ship carrots in heavy volume. Commercial vegetable production is expected to be above the same period last year with the heaviest tonnage for the season supplied by cabbage, lettuce, carrots, and celery. About 1.2 million bushels of new potatoes are expected to be available for commercial use in the first quarter of this year from the fields of Texas and Florida.

Shipping of lettuce from the Imperial Valley of California will be at its peak this month with a light volume of carrots and cabbage also available from this area. From other California areas carlots of celery, cauliflower, artichokes and broccoli will be available during January.

Potatoes from Maine will prove the heaviest single crop of all the fruit and vegetable crops to move from any State during January 1948. Among the others moving in heavy volume will be apples, potatoes, and pears from the Pacific Northwest; lettuce and romaine, celery, cauliflower, mixed vegetables, grapes, and citrus fruits from the South Pacific; potatoes and onions from the Rocky Mountain region; potatoes from the North Central region; sweetpotatoes from Louisiana; potatoes and cabbage from New York; celery from Florida and citrus fruits, mixed vegetables, cabbage, spinach, and carrots from Texas and Florida. The prospects are that most of these crops will continue to move in considerable volume for the next few months.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 75,346 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during January 1948, compared with 63,577 estimated to have moved during December 1947, an increase of 18.5 percent over the previous month. The estimated loadings for January 1948 show a decrease of 3.5 percent when compared with approximately 78,108 carloads moved during January 1947.

The principal loadings as estimated to move during January 1948 are listed below by State of origin and region.

North Pacific Region

It is estimated that during January 1948 the North Pacific Region will ship 10,946 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables. Those moving in the greatest volume will be:

Commodity	Estimated Carloads		
	Washington	Oregon	Idaho
Apples	4,500	300	60
Potatoes	300	1,000	3,500
Pears	200	400	-
Onions	35	300	250

South Pacific Region

The South Pacific Region, with the greatest expected volume of shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables for the month of January 1948, will originate approximately 18,771 carloads. The commodities moving in greatest volume are estimated to be:

Commodity	Estimated Carloads	
	California	Arizona
Lettuce & Romaine	4,700	1,200
Oranges & Satsumas	4,400	100
Celery	1,400	3
Cauliflower	1,000	350
Mixed vegetables	1,000	600
Lemons	1,100	50
Carrots	500	500
Potatoes	600	1
Cabbage	200	125
Broccoli	160	120
Grapes	900	-
Grapefruit	30	125
Greens (except spinach)	100	-

Rocky Mountain Region

It is estimated that this region will ship 2,406 cars of fresh fruits and vegetables during this month.

Commodity	Estimated Carloads			
	Colorado	Wyoming	Utah	Montana
Potatoes	1,300	200	140	100
Onions	600	-	50	-

North Central Region

Carloadings of fresh fruits and vegetables from this region are expected to reach 4,325 for the month of January 1948. These will consist principally of potatoes and onions and will originate as follows:

Commodity	Estimated Carloads		
	North Dakota	Nebraska	Minnesota
Potatoes	1,000	1,500	750
Onions	1	1	195

Southwestern Region
(excluding Texas)

Of the 1,027 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to be shipped from this area during January 1948, sweetpotatoes will be the most important. Louisiana is expected to ship approximately 900 carloads, with only 7 carloads to be shipped from the other States in this region.

Great Lakes Region

During January 1948, approximately 1,486 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will originate in this area, the most important of which will be:

Commodity	Estimated Carloads	
	Michigan	Wisconsin
Onions	513	150
Potatoes	300	225

New England Region

The January 1948 carlot shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables will be limited practically to potatoes. It is estimated that approximately 7,705 carloads will originate in this region. Of these, 7,500 carloads will be from Maine, 120 from Connecticut, 65 from Massachusetts and 10 each from New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

Middle Atlantic Region

It is estimated that about 2,662 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will originate in this region during January 1948. Those moving in volume will be:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated Carloads</u>	
	<u>New York</u>	<u>Pennsylvania</u>
Potatoes	1,000	60
Cabbage	700	-
Onions	350	-
Carrots	150	-
Apples	125	65

Southern Region
(excluding Florida)

Approximately 891 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables are expected to move from the Southern region during January 1948. Those moving in the greatest volume will be:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated Carloads</u>	
	<u>Virginia</u>	<u>Georgia</u>
Apples	350	-
Greens (except spinach)	150	90

In addition to the above, approximately 147 carloads of sweetpotatoes will originate in this region - 65 cars from South Carolina, 50 cars from North Carolina and 30 cars from Tennessee.

Texas and Florida

It is estimated that these States, together, will ship 25,127 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables this month. Florida will originate 15,311 of these and Texas 9,816. Those moving in the greatest volume will be:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated Carloads</u>	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Grapefruit	3,200	1,500
Mixed Vegetables	2,500	1,000
Cabbage	1,000	500
Spinach	800	15
Mixed citrus fruits	800	2,500
Carrots	700	10
Oranges and Satsumas	600	5,500
Celery	-	1,600
Tangerines	2	1,200
Beans, snap & lima	-	500
Tomatoes	25	480
Potatoes	10	150
Escarole	-	150
Peppers, green	20	100

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Refrigerator Car Movements of Domestic Fresh Fruits
and Vegetables by Commodities and Regions /1

Region & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Jan. 1947	Feb. 1947	Mar. 1947	Jan. 1948	Feb. 1948	Mar. 1948
<u>New England Region</u>						
Apples	1	1	12	-	-	12
Onions	-	2	-	-	2	-
Potatoes	6,877	8,139	12,863	7,705	7,606	12,983
Totals	6,878	8,142	12,885	7,705	7,608	12,995
<u>Middle Atlantic Region</u>						
Apples	457	344	229	300	234	235
Beets	2	3	37	1	1	15
Cabbage	749	282	138	700	300	130
Carrots	174	110	93	150	100	90
Celery	9	2	-	5	1	-
Mixed vegetables	33	27	12	40	25	10
Onions	567	582	526	350	400	500
Potatoes	1,379	1,329	1,126	1,070	962	900
Sweetpotatoes	54	45	38	45	35	30
Turnips & Rutabagas	1	-	-	1	-	-
Totals	3,425	2,724	2,199	2,662	2,058	1,910

/1 States comprising the regions set up for forecasting purposes:

NEW ENGLAND REGION

Maine
New Hampshire
Vermont
Massachusetts
Rhode Island
Connecticut

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

New York
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Delaware
Maryland
West Virginia

SOUTHERN REGION

Alabama
Georgia
Kentucky
Mississippi
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia

GREAT LAKES REGION

Illinois
Indiana
Michigan
Ohio
Wisconsin

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Iowa
Minnesota
Nebraska
North Dakota
South Dakota

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Arkansas
Louisiana
Oklahoma
New Mexico
Kansas
Missouri

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

Montana
Wyoming
Colorado
Utah

NORTH PACIFIC REGION

Washington
Oregon
Idaho

SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

California
Arizona
Nevada

FLORIDA

TEXAS

Region & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Jan. 1947	Feb. 1947	Mar. 1947	Jan. 1948	Feb. 1948	Mar. 1948
<u>Southern Region /2</u>						
Apples	754	389	315	350	150	300
Asparagus	-	-	17	-	-	10
Broccoli	21	1	1	25	1	1
Cabbage	79	7	13	71	5	11
Greens (except spinach)	201	167	169	243	181	146
Mixed vegetables	50	15	14	35	10	11
Spinach	22	-	-	19	-	-
Sweetpotatoes	190	141	105	147	107	91
Turnips & Rutabagas	1	-	3	1	-	2
Totals	1,318	720	637	891	454	572
<u>Great Lakes Region</u>						
Apples	71	26	35	70	30	40
Cabbage	95	17	4	50	12	3
Carrots	14	13	26	14	10	18
Celery	2	-	-	1	-	-
Mixed vegetables	8	5	2	6	4	1
Onions	830	578	472	730	532	452
Potatoes	540	498	1,097	600	420	969
Turnips & Rutabagas	15	6	1	15	5	1
Totals	1,575	1,143	1,637	1,486	1,013	1,484
<u>North Central Region</u>						
Apples	-	1	-	-	1	-
Cabbage	6	-	-	4	-	-
Mixed vegetables	2	4	3	1	3	2
Onions	258	70	38	207	65	34
Potatoes	3,423	3,548	6,698	4,105	4,695	6,925
Turnips & Rutabagas	7	2	13	8	1	20
Totals	3,696	3,625	6,752	4,325	4,765	6,981
<u>Southwestern Region /3</u>						
Apples	28	21	18	35	22	20
Cabbage	16	7	98	15	5	50
Mixed vegetables	52	27	77	50	25	70
Oranges & Satsumas	18	12	-	15	10	-
Onions	2	-	-	2	-	-
Potatoes	2	1	1	2	1	1
Spinach	-	-	5	-	-	5
Sweetpotatoes	703	754	852	907	803	804
Tangerines	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turnips & Rutabagas	1	2	4	1	2	2
Totals	822	824	1,037	1,027	868	952
<u>Rocky Mountain Region</u>						
Apples	1	-	2	5	-	2
Mixed vegetables	11	8	13	10	6	12
Onions	663	377	395	650	330	350
Potatoes	2,032	1,975	2,043	1,740	1,825	2,000
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	1	-	1	1	-
Totals	2,707	2,361	2,453	2,406	2,162	2,364

/2 Southern Region excludes Florida.

/3 Southwestern Region excludes Texas.

Region & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Jan. 1947	Feb. 1947	Mar. 1947	Jan. 1948	Feb. 1948	Mar. 1948
<u>North Pacific Region</u>						
Apples	4,620	4,490	3,060	4,860	4,810	3,176
Asparagus	-	-	110	-	-	95
Cabbage	10	-	-	8	-	-
Carrots	3	9	1	2	7	1
Cauliflower	-	6	17	-	5	15
Mixed deciduous fruits	43	23	2	55	30	2
Mixed vegetables	15	15	11	11	10	7
Onions	696	454	539	585	405	505
Pears	611	493	216	600	450	207
Potatoes	5,770	5,388	5,330	4,800	4,750	3,050
Spinach	-	1	1	1	1	1
Turnips & Rutabagas	21	9	3	25	7	3
Totals	11,789	10,888	9,279	10,946	10,475	7,062
<u>South Pacific Region</u>						
Apples	3	1	2	5	3	2
Asparagus	-	8	720	-	7	500
Beans, snap or lima	-	1	14	-	1	5
Broccoli	266	352	307	280	290	270
Cabbage	247	274	265	325	250	250
Carrots	2,008	1,377	1,577	1,000	750	1,300
Cauliflower	1,233	1,630	1,383	1,350	2,030	1,500
Celery	1,347	946	1,050	1,403	1,000	1,000
Escarole	-	4	1	-	3	1
Grapefruit	198	149	170	190	180	200
Grapes	198	117	33	200	125	35
Greens (except spinach)	117	106	28	122	100	20
Lemons	953	818	1,166	1,005	905	1,200
Lettuce & Romaine	6,181	6,446	7,750	5,900	6,000	8,000
Mixed citrus fruits	61	54	67	60	65	70
Mixed vegetables	1,793	1,386	1,559	1,600	1,501	1,705
Oranges & Satsumas	4,373	4,080	4,554	4,500	4,250	4,600
Onions	124	144	53	70	135	50
Pears	32	14	17	50	60	20
Peas, green	37	163	387	30	100	350
Potatoes	653	658	613	631	653	650
Spinach	4	14	2	5	10	2
Sweetpotatoes	29	6	5	30	5	5
Tomatoes	18	3	-	10	2	-
Turnips & Rutabagas	4	4	3	5	3	3
Totals	19,879	18,755	21,726	18,771	18,428	21,738
<u>Florida</u>						
Beans, snap & lima	802	246	57	500	300	100
Cabbage	959	314	212	500	300	200
Carrots	11	15	12	10	10	10
Cauliflower	30	1	4	25	1	1
Celery	1,560	1,269	1,615	1,600	1,250	1,600
Cucumbers	1	1	-	15	2	-
Eggplant	1	-	-	1	-	-
Escarole	149	48	115	150	50	120
Grapefruit	1,494	1,029	1,697	1,500	1,550	2,000
Greens (except spinach)	6	1	13	5	1	10
Lettuce & Romaine	30	10	20	15	10	15
Mixed citrus fruits	2,394	1,226	1,228	2,500	2,000	2,000
Mixed vegetables	1,226	444	347	1,000	500	350
Oranges & Satsumas	6,002	4,703	6,830	5,500	4,800	6,900
Peas, green	10	2	-	5	1	1
Peppers, green	173	70	66	100	50	50
Potatoes	171	499	688	150	500	700
Spinach	17	-	-	15	-	-
Strawberries	35	48	2	40	50	2
Sweetpotatoes	-	-	1	-	-	1
Tangerines	1,263	242	34	1,200	500	35
Tomatoes	660	245	97	480	250	75
Totals	16,994	10,413	13,038	15,311	12,125	14,170

Region & Commodities	Actual Carloads			Estimated Carloads		
	Jan. 1947	Feb. 1947	Mar. 1947	Jan. 1948	Feb. 1948	Mar. 1948
<u>Texas</u>						
Beets	23	38	114	50	50	100
Broccoli	41	47	9	35	45	5
Cabbage	906	2,176	2,678	1,000	2,000	2,500
Carrots	373	511	1,127	700	800	900
Cauliflower	26	1	-	25	-	-
Escarole	-	1	-	-	1	-
Grapefruit	3,118	3,576	4,844	3,200	3,550	4,800
Greens (except spinach)	3	16	5	2	15	3
Lemons	5	-	-	5	-	-
Lettuce & Romaine	5	8	7	15	8	5
Mixed Citrus fruits	803	709	624	800	750	650
Mixed vegetables	2,253	2,354	2,849	2,500	2,700	2,700
Onions	-	-	18	-	-	20
Oranges & Satsumas	540	627	345	600	600	350
Peas, green	2	18	5	1	15	5
Peppers, green	15	-	-	20	-	-
Potatoes	10	-	6	10	-	6
Spinach	683	691	984	800	900	900
Strawberries	-	-	6	-	-	5
Sweetpotatoes	188	133	64	14	130	50
Tangerines	2	-	-	2	2	-
Tomatoes	14	1	-	25	1	-
Turnips & Rutabagas	15	17	5	12	15	4
Totals	9,025	10,924	13,690	9,816	11,582	13,003
Grand Totals	78,108	70,501	85,333	75,346	71,538	82,231

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